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SUBJ: SHORTAGE IN CASHIER ACCOUNT

DEPT FOR BF/FS, AF/EX; ABIDJAN FOR RBFO, & RSO; PARIS FOR RFC

1. ACCOUNT OF CASHIER SADIO CISSOKO SHORT EQUIVALENT DOLS 6,633 WHICH HE ADMITS TAKING.

2. SITUATION IS GRAVELY COMPLICATED BY FACT THAT HE IS BROTHER OF LT COL CHARLES S. SISSOKO, MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND MEMBER ELEVEN MAN RULING MILITARY COMMITTEE.

3. SADIO SAYS HE ASKED BROTHER, WITHOUT GIVING RASONS, TO CO-SIGN BANK LOAN, AND WAS REFUSED. HE IS TOO AFRAID TO ADMIT THE THEFT.

4. I AM EXTREMELY RELUCTANT TO OFFICIALLY SEEK RETRIBUTION, OR TO EVEN INFORMALLY MAKE KNOWN SITUATION TO MINISTER. IT IS NOT BELIEVED THAT HE WOULD REPAY AMOUNT, AND AS HE IS NOT VERY PRO-AMERICAN, HE MIGHT USE THIS POSITION TO DETREMENT USG INTERESTS, IF HE IS EMBARRASED.

5. IN VIEW THESE REASONS, EMBASSY HAS GOTTEN SIGNED ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FROM SADIO THAT HE HAS A SHORTAGE, AND A REPAYMENT AGREEMENT FOR MALIAN FRANCS 2,735,000 (EQUIV DOLS 5,440 AT 502.75) TO BE REPAID PRIOR TO MARCH 31, 1974, AND MF 600,000 (EQUIV DOLS 1,193) TO BE REPAID MF 30,000 PER PAY PERIOD. HE FURTHER AGREES IN
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WRITING TO RESIGN WHEN THE AMOUNT IS REPAID. SADIO EARNS

MF 55,000 PER PERIOD, AND IT IS DOUBTFUL THAT HE COULD MAKE LARGER PAYMENTS, FULLY REALIZE THAT REPAYMENT SCHEDULE IS TOO LONG, BUT IT WAS THE BEST THAT COULD BE OBTAINED WITH ANY HOPE OF SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION.

6. IF DEPT AGREES THAT HE MAY BE RETAINED, HE WOULD, OF COURSE, BE TRANSFERRED TO A JOB NOT INVOLVING ACCOUNTABILITY FOR FUNDS OR PROPERTY.

7. THE LARGE INITIAL PAYMENT WILL BE POSSIBLE, HE THINKS, BECAUSE HE HAS GIVEN MOST OF THE MONEY TO A MERCHANT WHO IS BUYING MERCHANDISE IN DAKAR FOR RESALE IN BAMAKO. THE LIKELIHOOD OF SADIO RECOVERING THE MONEY IS HIGHLY SUSPECT.

8. FOR RFC: DO NOT PROCESS REQUEST FOR CHECK DATED FEB 7, TL CO2, FOR MF 1,262,099. PREFER DIFFERENT CASHIER CODE FOR ALTERNATE DOUDOU DIOP, TO FACILITATE CLEARING CISSOKO ACCOUNT.
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